

CHANGED VERSION OF THE SPECIFICATION

Page 54, amend the specification to read as follows:

B [00202] In Fig. 23, pin 278 is cortical bone which is formed in a curved bent configuration with a radius 280. This pin is preferably used with a straight right circular cylindrical bore in the mating implant planks such as with implant 260, Fig. 12, or may be used with offset bore sections in a bore such as the bores in the implant of Fig. 4. The curved pin would be inserted in the offset bore with the curvature extending in a counter direction of the offset direction of the bores to provide increased compressive loads. Not shown are edge chamfers on the various pins which may be provided to facilitate insertion into the various bores.

It should be understood that the term "longitudinal axis" in certain of the claims is not limited to a linear axis. For example, in respect of arcuate pins such as pin 278, the term longitudinal axis refers to a portion of the pin non-linear curved axis.